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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**NGUYEN** 

Serial No.: 09/104,862

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For: IMPROVED COLLET ASSEMBLY AND

MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Examiner: Mark Henderson

Group Art Unit: 3722

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San Diego, California 92108



# <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/9/99, please amend the subject application as follows:

## **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend Figure 7 to include the labels on the Tab inner concave surface 50A and Tab outer convex surface 50B. A pen-and-ink proposed drawing change has been enclosed.

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following at Page 11, line 2, following the sentence ending in "devices," and before the sentence commencing in "These": "A further detail that can be observed from Figure 7 is the shape of the Tab 50. On it's inner, tool-engaging surface 50A, the Tab 50 has a concave shape; on its outer, housing-engaging side 50B, the Tab has a convex shape. These shapes cooperate to cause the inner surface 50A of the Tab 50 to grasp an inserted tool when the outer surface 50B is forced against the housing 36. Similarly, the Struts 48 each have an inner concave surface 48A and an outer convex surface 48B."



